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Remarks/ Arguments

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the remaining rejections of the claims. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 11 – 20 and the allowability of Claims 7, 8, and 10.

Claims 6 – 20 remain.

Claims 6, 8, and 10 are being amended.

Claim 7 is being cancelled.

Dependent Claim 7, 8, and 10 stand objected-to as being based on rejected independent Claim 1, but are otherwise allowable. Applicant has therefore amended independent Claim 1 to include the features of Claim 7, and has cancelled Claim 7. Claims 8 and 10 have been placed in independent form with the inclusion of the features of Claim 6, prior to amendment. Claims 6 and 8 – 10 should now also be allowable.

No new matter has been added; the claims have been merely amended to more particularly claim the subject matter Applicant believes is inventive. Applicant respectfully submits that the Claims as they now stand are patentably distinct over the art cited during the prosecution thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests a First Month Extension of Time to file this response. Enclosed with this paper is Form PTO/SB/22 with Extension Fees in the amount of \$120.

With the addition of two (2) additional independent claims, additional filing fees of \$400 are due, as provided on the accompanying fee transmittal form. Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 20-0821 of Thompson & Knight LLP.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (214) 969 - 1749.

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